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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL WAVE GUIDE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 20, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: